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Indonesian Cabinet revamped

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Promising new leadership to a country outraged by corruption, Indonesia's new president named his Cabinet today and promised clean government, dumping ministers regarded as cronies of former President Suharto.

Suharto's eldest daughter and his multimillionaire golfing buddy were among those banished from the 36-member lineup, named just 24 hours after Suharto resigned after 32 years in power and B.J. Habibie was sworn in.

Habibie, formerly Suharto's trusted deputy, kept several key members of the ex-president's old Cabinet while bolstering the team with some credible newcomers.

Six serving or retired army generals and six prominent Muslim figures were included. The majority are members of the ruling Golkar party. They are to serve until 2003, when Habibie will finish serving Suharto's term.

The Cabinet reshuffling followed days of protests and riots, which culminated Thursday with the resignation of Suharto.

Shootings at school leave 1 dead, 23 hurt

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — In the face of terror, with students screaming and diving for cover around him, Kip Kinkel was surprisingly calm.

Those unlucky enough to be in the packed cafeteria at Thurston High School on Thursday say the 15-year-old suspended a day earlier for having a gun at school returned with a rifle and an indiscriminate rage.

"His face was casual like it was something he did every day," said David Willis, a 15-year-old freshman. "He put his foot on the back of one kid and shot him four times."

Sixteen-year-old Jonathan Crawford said the young gunman, wearing a trench coat and backpack, fired wildly from the hip. "He was swiveling back and forth, firing at everyone."

When the nation's latest school rampage was over and Kinkel was tackled by another student, one classmate was dead and several others were critically wounded. Two bodies were found later in his home — reportedly those of his parents.

Of the 23 people injured, 19 were hit by gunfire and the rest were hurt in the panic to flee the cafeteria. Eight were critically injured; four were later upgraded to serious condition.

The dead student was Mikael Nickolauson, 17, who had enlisted Monday in the Oregon National Guard.

In Springfield, 110 miles south of Port-

land, Kinkel is a freckle-faced freshman who once jokingly was voted by his middle school classmates as "Most Likely to Start World War III."

He was to make his first court appearance today on an adult charge of murder. If convicted, he could face life behind bars. Oregon law bars juveniles from getting the death penalty.

Thurston High's 1,350 students were off today for the long Memorial Day weekend, but dozens of counselors planned to be there anyway in case the students wanted to talk or grieve.

"You don't make sense out of this," said wrestling coach Gary Bowden. "There is no sense to it."

Thursday morning, just before classes began, some 400 students were milling about or eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Shots rang out, bullets shattering huge plate-glass windows.

After no more than a minute, and dozens of rounds fired, 17-year-old wrestler Jake Ryker, already wounded in the hand, tackled the boy while he was trying to reload. Several others quickly piled on to end the terror.

After the boy was arrested, police followed up on his suggestion to check his house, finding the bodies of a man and a woman. Authorities would not confirm their names, but the boy's grandmother told 2 newspapers they were his parents.

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House defense bill would put military on border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon could find itself deploying troops to the U.S.-Mexican border under a House-passed bill that authorizes \$270 billion in Pentagon programs.

The forces would help border patrol and customs agents in the war against drug smuggling and illegal immigration. Critics argued that the Pentagon can barely afford its main job of national defense after decades of steadily declining budgets, without having to take on new responsibilities.

Adjusting for inflation, the bill authorized overall spending that roughly was the same as last year's — the lowest

since before the Korean War.

The administration opposed the border-patrol provision.

The defense bill, for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, was approved 357-60 late Thursday.

The Senate was expected to vote on its own version of the bill next month.

The border patrol amend-

ment, by Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, was adopted 288-132. It would authorize the defense secretary to dispatch troops for "monitoring and patrolling" U.S. borders.

"Maybe the Pentagon doesn't want it," Traficant told the House. "(But) the American people not only want it, they need it."

Prince: Khobar bombing done by Saudis only

KUWAIT (AP) — Saudi citizens were behind the June 1996 bombing of a military housing complex that killed 19 American airmen, a Saudi official was quoted today as saying, in the first Saudi statement to rule out foreign participation in the attack.

Saudi security sources had suggested that Iran played a role in the bombing of the complex near the eastern city of Dhahran. Scores of American soldiers were wounded in the attack, and Saudi officials have detained several dozen suspects.

But Prince Nayef, Saudi Arabia's powerful interior minister, told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Rai Al-Amm that the bombing "was executed by Saudi hands."

"No foreign party had any role in it," he said in an interview conducted in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, faces home-grown opposition among Sunni Muslim activists opposed to its ties with the West and critical of corruption in the country. Saudi Arabia, however, has sought to play down opposition from Sunni Muslims.

Clinton officially OKs NATO growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capping one of his biggest foreign policy victories, President Clinton formally approved expanding the NATO military alliance to include the former Soviet satellite countries of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

In a White House ceremony Thursday, the president signed the instrument of ratification the Senate passed April 30. It adds the three nations by amending the 1949 North Atlantic Treaty.

"Today, we welcome Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic, finally erasing the boundary line the Cold War artificially imposed on the continent of Europe, strengthening an alliance that now, clearly, is better preserved to keep the peace and preserve our security into the 21st century," Clinton said.

Can we all just communicate?

By Stars and Stripes
SEMBACH, Germany
For the past couple of

— For the past couple of weeks, servicemembers from 29 countries have been refining the lines of communication between their militaries.

The two-week exercise, dubbed Combined Endeavor, didn't solve all their problems. That was not the intent. Instead, the purpose was to get troops from various lands together to help test and develop reliable means of communicating during a crisis.

Talk is cheap. War is expensive. It's that basic.

"A failure is a success," said Army Lt. Col. Randy Strong, the technical di-

rector for the annual event. "It's just as important to know what doesn't work as it is to know what does."

Combined Endeavor, which moves next year to Baumholder, drew about 460 servicemembers from NATO, former Warsaw Pact nations and even neutral nations such as Switzerland, Austria and Finland.

The fourth annual exercise ends today. About 140 of the 460 personnel present for the exercise are Americans.

In the four years since the initiative began, the number of participating countries has increased from 10 to 29. However, nine of the 29 nations at this year's exercise came as only observers. Among the lot are Russia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakstan.

The event's primary purpose was to test the compatibility of communication equipment and systems.

Tests were run on switchboards, radio relays, high frequency systems, and local and wide area networks.

Troops also established a single network consisting of all of the switchboard systems to test the switching and routing capabilities.

WWII memorial clears hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP)
— The drive to build a
World War II memorial at
the central crossroads of
the National Mall has successfully cleared a design
hurdle.

After voicing concerns nearly a year ago, the Commission of Fine Arts gave its "unanimous and enthusiastic" approval on Thursday to a scaled-back walled plaza, flanked by victory arches and built around a central fountain.

The action clears the

way for design refinements, including sculpture, wall art and carved inscriptions from the World War II era that will make the spot a memorial to America's participation in the 20th century's greatest conflict.

When other conditions are met, the memorial could possibly be completed shortly after 2000.

Fine arts commissioner J. Carter Brown, a former director of the National Gallery of Art, said the new design successfully meets the goal of preserving the vistas down the mall of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

The new design, by architect Friedrich St.Florian, sheds his previous concept of a larger plaza framed by 50 tall stone columns backed by large earthwork berms containing interior spaces.

Brown told reporters that he hopes final plans include a flaming torch.

F-14 crashes in N.C.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A Navy fighter jet crashed in a swampy, heavily wooded area Thursday after both crewman aboard ejected safely.

The jet apparently had just taken off from the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C., said Cmdr. Joe Gradisher of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet air force.

There are no homes near the crash site, but residents about two miles away reported hearing a loud explosion. Black smoke was visible above the trees.

The jet was assigned to a squadron based at the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

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Violent day for children

From wire reports

In addition to the high school shootings in Oregon Thursday that left one dead and 23 injured, there were several violent incidents involving children across the nation:

• A 15-year-old girl was shot in the leg Thursday afternoon in a suburban Houston high school classroom.

Authorities say a 17-year-old student suspected of bringing the gun to school was taken into custody.

The girl was in stable condition when she was taken to Spring Branch Medical Center, school officials said. Troxell said the teen was alert and talking.

• A 15-year-old boy in Onalaska, Wash., ordered his girlfriend off a school bus at gunpoint Thursday, then took her to his home and shot himself in the head as her father tried to break down the door.

The boy, who was not identified, was listed in critical condition.

• Three sixth-grade boys in St. Charles, Mo., had a "hit list" and were plotting to kill fellow classmates on the last day of school in a sniper attack during a false fire alarm, police said.

The plan was modeled after a recent ambush at a Jonesboro, Ark., school that left five dead, Lt. Dave Todd said.

Police learned of the plan after they responded to a fight at Becky David Elementary School in rural St. Charles County on Thursday.

• A 15-year-old girl in Clearfield, Pa., was strung up in a tree and a friend clubbed her to death with a rock for threatening to reveal plans by a group of teens to run away to Florida, police said.

Kimberly Jo Dotts' body was found by hikers Tuesday in an area called Gallows Harbor — named after a hanging there in the 19th century.

Clinton seeks defense vs. germ warfare, hackers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nuclear warheads were the stuff of Cold War stockpiles. Heading into the 21st century, the United States must amass germ-warfare vaccines and buttress its computer networks against cyberterrorists, the White House says.

In a commencement speech at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., today, President Clinton was to call for an interconnected "cyber-system" and national center for warning of and responding to attacks on the computers that control the stock market, banking, utilities and air traffic, an administration official said.

Private companies including IBM, Dell Computers, Bell South and GTE have already agreed to participate in the system, which Clinton wants to be fully operational by 2003, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Clinton is appointing National Security Council adviser Richard Clarke, who specializes in such issues as drug trafficking and terrorism, to oversee the project. Former Sen. Sam

Nunn and Jamie Gorelick, formerly the Justice Department's No. 2 official and now Fannie Mae's vice chairwoman, will lead a private industry advisory group, the official said.

On another terrorist front, Clinton was to tell Navy graduates that he has ordered the stockpiling of antibiotics and vaccines for civilian protection in the event of biological warfare. Administration officials, in advance of the president's announcement, would not say how the stockpiles would be maintained or prioritized in the event of an attack.

One official did say there is scant support for vaccinating all civilians as a precautionary measure.

At least two recent White House briefings with experts in chemical and biological weapons convinced Clinton of the urgency of these initiatives, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said Thursday.

Establishing vaccine stockpiles for the U.S. cities considered most vulnerable could cost billions of dollars and take years to achieve.

Jet noise on Okinawa spurs compensation

TOKYO (AP) — A court on Okinawa ordered the Japanese government today to compensate residents near a major U.S. air base for noise pollution from military jets.

Complaints about noise from military aircraft have simmered for decades in Japan — part of frictions stemming from the presence of 47,000 U.S. mili-

tary personnel stationed here.

The Naha branch of the Fukuoka High Court awarded a group of 867 residents outside the Kadena Air Base on Okinawa a total of \$10.17 million for suffering past noise pollution, a court official said. Naha, the capital of Okinawa, is about 1,000 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Today's ruling came as Okinawa Prefectural Governor Masahide Ota, on a two-week visit to the United States, sought removal of American military forces from Okinawa in meetings with government officials in Washington.

Two-thirds of the U.S. troops stationed in Japan are on Okinawa.

Naval Academy's annual air show nearly didn't fly

By Washington Post

For nearly half a century, Annapolis, Md. residents have thrilled every spring to the sight of the U.S. Naval Academy's graduation-week air show that sends Blue Angel stunt planes zooming close above their heads.

Maybe a little too close, it turned out.

This year, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered the academy to start complying with a decade-old regulation requiring spectators to stay more than

1,500 feet from the flight zone.

But when one prominent onlooker — Washington lawyer Brendan Sullivan — balked at leaving his waterfront home in the newly restricted area, the Navy and FAA were drawn into last-minute deliberations that nearly forced the cancellation of the show for which more than 20,000 spectators had turned out Wednesday.

Ultimately, Sullivan, who has represented such high-profile clients as Oliver North and Marlene Cooke, agreed to move his annual Blue Angel-watching party to a neighbor's yard.

"Although I've fought the government for 30 years in law practice, I wasn't willing to say no to their requests and disappoint so many people," he said Thursday.

The incident raised questions about safety at the academy's Annapolis air show, which for years has allowed the daring Navy stunt jets to fly closer to crowds and homes than is allowed at most air shows.

Couple claim to be lucky Lotto winners

PELL LAKE, Wis. (AP) — Somebody out there came into the Lakeside Grocery and Deli in this little town and bought a \$195 million ticket to the good life.

But who?

A retired Illinois couple claimed they were the lucky Powerball winners, but lottery officials hadn't confirmed that.

Frank and Shirley Capaci, from the Chicago suburb of Streamwood, Ill, were celebrating at Bill's on Bartlett, a tavern and pizza place.

Asked by television reporters what he was going to do with the jackpot, Capaci said, "I don't know yet. I ain't never been a millionaire before."

Lottery officials said they could not immediately confirm that the Capacis had the winning ticket.

"If the ticket itself does match the information we are getting about it, there is a very strong likelihood that they are the Powerball winners," said Andrew Bohage, Wisconsin lottery spokesman.

Only one ticket had the six winning numbers in Wednesday night's Powerball drawing, and the lottery computers show it was sold at the grocery store in Pell Lake, a community of 1,300. But the computers don't show the identity of the winner (or winners, if friends or relatives pooled their money).

The odds of picking the winning numbers were 80.1-million-to-1.

Folks in Pell Lake gathered outside the convenience store Thursday, hoping to find out what the winner of the richest lottery jackpot in world history looks like.

"We're a small country town and we're going to end up like a big city," Jerri Stanek, 65, said of the national attention focused Pell Lake.

Dozens of people from the Pell Lake area walked, drove or bicycled to the store, some spreading out blankets to watch the parade of media and see if the winner would show up.

House urges Clinton to release documents in Starr investigation

By Los Angeles Times WASHINGTON — Signaling further erosion of his support in Congress, 36 Democrats joined 223 Republicans Thursday in calling on President Clinton to release "all records and documents" relating to his claim of executive privilege in Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation.

House passage of the nonbinding resolution by a

259-157 vote came a day after the chamber voted overwhelmingly to bar the export of sensitive missile and satellite technology to China — a far more serious slap at the White House.

Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the third-ranking House Republican who sponsored the executive privilege measure, told his colleagues, "We're simply asking the president to be honest with the American people. The lengths this administration has gone to hide from the light of day are breathtaking."

Later the House approved a companion resolution asking for the president's help in getting to the bottom of Democratic fund-raising abuses in the 1996 election. That resolution, approved 342-69, declared that Clinton should urge "full cooperation."

Tobacco lawsuit limits stripped from Senate bill

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate Thursday overwhelmingly decided to strip all special legal protections for cigarette makers from the national tobacco bill, handing public health advocates both a key victory and a new worry over the bill's future.

A curious coalition of conservatives, some of whom oppose the bill, and liberals, who are its strongest advocates, joined to toughen the tobacco measure, voting 61-37 to strip away an \$8.5 billion annual cap on industry liability.

The White House and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the bill's chief sponsor, had appealed to senators to retain the cap and other legal protections, contending that they were a worthwhile price to pay to get concessions from the industry to curb its harmful marketing to young people. Otherwise, they argued, advertising restrictions and other proposed industry penalties would be tied up for years with tobacco industry challenges in the courts.

Opponents of the cap saw it differently. When cigarette makers last month turned their back on the anti-smoking measure and mounted a multi-million campaign to defeat it, many smoking foes argued that nothing would gain the industry's voluntary participation — something these smoking foes insisted was not even needed. "Why should we be running after them, saying, "We'll give you everything you want'?" asked Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Microsoft asking for a seven-month delay in rulings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing an antitrust case that could reshape the high-tech industry, Microsoft wants a federal judge to delay for at least seven months the government's demand to make immediate changes to Windows 98, which goes on sale June 25.

Microsoft also asked the

judge Thursday to combine two antitrust lawsuits, among the most significant of the new digital age, that the Justice Department and 20 states filed earlier this week.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who also handled earlier filings in related cases against Microsoft, planned a scheduling hearing for today. It was unclear whether he would rule immediately on Microsoft's requests.

The request to delay any rulings for at least 210 days gives new credibility to early fears that, barring settlement, this antitrust battle could drag through the legal system for years.

Microsoft argued it faces an antitrust case nearly two years in the making, with thousands of pages of documents and dozens of interviews with industry executives, including some from its toughest rivals.

"We obviously want to get this issue resolved as soon as possible," company spokesman Mark Murray said.

Polls open in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — After three decades of bloodshed and six weeks of bitter bickering, Northern Ireland's campaigning politicians fell silent today to give voters their say on the Belfast peace accord.

Every opinion poll has pointed to approval when ballots are counted Saturday in both Northern Ireland and the neighboring Irish Republic, where voters were being asked to drop their country's constitutional claim to the British-ruled north as part of the historic agreement.

Majority "yes" votes in

both parts of Ireland would clear the way for implementation of the agreement on Northern Ireland's future. It was struck April 10 among the British and Irish governments and eight northern parties.

"Anything for peace," said Deborah McCarron, after casting a "yes" vote at the polling station at St. James' Primary School in Creaggan, a mainly Catholic district of Londonderry.

Alistair Simpson voted no. The leader in Londonderry of the Apprentice Boys, a Protestant fraternal order, described the vote as a "a sellout."

The agreement calls for an election June 25 in Northern Ireland to select an 108-member Belfast legislature from which a 12-member administration would be drawn. Decisions would require both Protestant and Catholic support.

Polls project that the Irish Republic's 2.7 million voters will easily endorse an agreement that won't affect their daily lives much. But up north, the outcome among 1.2 million registered voters is expected to be close.

China satellite furor persists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Information China may have gained about improving its commercial satellite-launch rockets likely would be useful in its long-range nuclear missiles, including those pointed at the United States, according to CIA information provided to Senate investigators

Amid persistent questions about whether U.S. companies provided missile technology to China, a Senate panel released CIA materials Thursday underscoring similarities between Chinese satellite launchers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Staging mechanisms, guidance systems, re-entry vehicles and rocket motors all involve identical or similar technology, the CIA said in a rare public disclosure of intelligence that it supplies to congressional committees.

The Senate Governmental Affairs international security subcommittee released previously classified portions of a secret briefing the CIA gave Senate investigators on Chinese missile and space launch capability last week.

Weeks earlier, the CIA provided top officials with a classified assessment saying that 13 of China's ICBMs were targeted at U.S. cities.

Congressional Republicans are opening investigations into concerns that a satellite export approved by President Clinton this year for a company headed by a major Democratic donor may have aided China's missile programs.

Administration critics say the similarity between satellite launch vehicles and ICBMs increases chances that Clinton's export decisions may have led to the disclosure of valuable military technology.

Military applications part of concern

WASHINGTON (AP)
— At the heart of the controversy over U.S. involvement with China's satellite launches is the vexing matter of "dual use" technologies — equipment and expertise intended for commercial use but with potential military applications.

In an age of rapid technological advances, the

wall between civil and military use has become "almost nonexistent," said Janne Nolan, an arms control expert and instructor at Washington's Georgetown University.

Virtually every step of the way to building a nuclear bomb, for example, involves the use of technology, materials and equipment with civilian uses — from computers to furnaces for purifying metals.

Nonetheless, as dual-use exports continue, some believe the nation is not heeding danger signs.

"We're lurching around in the dark here, hoping we don't produce a catastrophe," said Gary Milhollin, director of the private Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control.

Prosecutors seek 'break' for Fortier

From wire reports

OKLAHOMA CITY — Prosecutors asked on Thursday that Michael Fortier, the star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, get a "meaningful" break at his sentencing.

In papers filed in federal court, prosecutors did not request a specific amount of time off Fortier's prison sentence.

But prosecutor Sean Connelly wrote: "This court should account for Fortier's substantial assistance by granting a meaningful reduction below the guideline range that otherwise would apply."

Fortier, 29, is scheduled to be sentenced on Wednesday for failing to warn anyone about the bombing plot and lying to the FBI. He pleaded guilty.

U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber has set a range of 14 to 17 1/2 years in prison for Fortier before considering any reductions in return for his testimony.

Acid at abortion clinics

MIAMI — Foul-smelling acid was poured at the entrances to five Miamiarea abortion clinics Thursday, causing minor injuries to three women and prompting an FBI investigation.

The Miami-Dade County Fire Department identified the substance in four of the attacks as butyric acid, commonly found in rancid butter and perspiration. Its fumes are not life-threatening but can be nauseating.

Seagram buying Polygram NEW YORK — Universal Studio

NEW YORK — Universal Studios owner Seagram Co. is buying Poly-Gram NV, the world's biggest music company, for \$10.6 billion and shedding its Tropicana juice business to make entertainment the main focus of a company best known for alcohol.

The widely expected deal, announced Thursday, adds PolyGram artists such as Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Nine Inch Nails and LL Cool J to Seagram's Universal Music Group.

Food illness computer web

WASHINGTON — Outbreaks of foodborne illness could more easily be tracked and handled in all 50 states under a new government computer network.

Vice President Al Gore was set today to unveil the system with Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Gore said the computer web, dubbed PulseNet, would enable investigators to identify outbreaks five times faster than is possible now.

First daughter hospitalized

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Chelsea Clinton was recovering Wednesday after a brief hospital stay and a bout with flu, a White House spokeswoman said.

The Stanford University freshman, suffering from stomach pain, spent Tuesday night at the university medical center, said Marsha Berry, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's press secretary.

"Chelsea caught the flu and as a precautionary measure she was hospitalized yesterday and released this morning," Berry said. "She's on the mend. I don't have any more information."

The 18-year-old was admitted under an assumed name and spent the night in a VIP room, the San Jose Mercury News reported on its Web site.

Stanford officials, who have pledged to guard Chelsea's privacy, said they had nothing to report.

"We have no Chelsea Clinton registered as a patient at Stanford Hospital and haven't all week," said Laurie Vaughan, associate director of communications at the medical center.

Asked to explain her remark after the White House's acknowledgment that Chelsea had been hospitalized, Vaughan said, "Figure it out."

Chicagoans find view a taxing experience

From Associated Press

Building owners near Chicago's Wrigley Field who charge admission for a rooftop view of Chicago Cubs games will now have to buy an annual \$500 license and pay a 7 percent tax on the money they take in, the City Council decided Wednesday.

The dozen building owners near the ballpark will also have to strengthen

their roofs, if necessary, to bear the weight of dozens of fans who gather to watch the games. The city expects to col-

races 'n' places

lect \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year from the owners, who supported the legislation.

Over the years, watching a Cubs game from the nearby rooftops has become a commercial enterprise, with businesses charging admission and selling beer and food. For private rooftop parties, the cost can reach \$75 per person for the beyond-the-bleacher seats.

The ordinance is expected to take effect in June.

Dodi's dad buys Di's school

Mohamed Al Fayed, whose son Dodi was killed in the Paris car crash that claimed the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, spent \$4 million Wednesday to buy the boarding school where the princess once was a student.

Al Fayed said he wanted to turn West Heath School, closed last year because of falling attendance, into a specialized school for traumatized children.

He said the new school would be "a living memorial" to the princess and his son.

It might beat working

LIVERPOOL, England — John Halliday is about to start the perfect job for a Beatles' fan — living in a former Beatle's house, in the Beatles' home city, talking with other Fab Four fans about, you guessed it, the Beatles.

Halliday, 50, has beaten 45 other applicants to become custodian of Sir Paul McCartney's boyhood home, where the former Beatle wrote some of the group's early hits, including *Love Me Do*, and *I Saw Her Standing There*.

"I am very excited and cannot wait until the house opens," Halliday said Wednesday as he officially moved in.

Britain's National Trust, a charity which administers many of Britain's great stately homes for public tours, bought the two-story, brick row house at 20 Forthlin Road in November 1995 with the aim of re-creating a typical 1950s working-class home.

Can he parrot line?

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP) — In its endless search for a few good men, Uncle Sam is ordering one Sam Garmize to register for the draft — or face prosecution.

But there's something the military brass ought to know: Sam is a parrot.

"They probably wouldn't want him because he only has four toes, green hair and no teeth," said Sharon Garmize, owner of the blue crown mealy amazon parrot who received the letter from the Selective Service on Monday.

The Selective Service bases its mailings on lists of graduating high school seniors obtained from commercial vendors, spokesman Larry Waltman said.

"Sometimes we get a dog. Sometimes we get a cat," he said. "This time we got a parrot."

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1988 — The Justice Department announced the New York advertising firm of N.W. Ayer & Son, creators of the Army's "Be all you can be" recruiting campaign, agreed to pay \$750,000 for mischarged costs and failing to bid subcontracts.

20 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1978 — More than 5,000 demonstrators, chanting and carrying banners, marched past the White House to demand an end to U.S. diplomatic and economic ties with South Africa.

30 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1968 — French President Charles de Gaulle's opponents launched a determined attack on his 10-year rule, which had been crippled by a nationwide general strike.

40 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1958 — Harold E. Stassen's bid to become governor of Pennsylvania failed when Arthur T. McGonigle, who had been backed by the state Republican organization, defeated him in the state primary.

50 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1948 — Father Edward Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, the famous home for boys in Nebraska, was paid final tribute by the boys he had taken off the streets.

Rangers rally for win

By Associated Press

In the end, no one was arguing at The Ballpark in Arlington.

A kooky confrontation took place in Texas on Thursday night when a fan ran on the field to join Rangers manager Johnny Oates in contesting a call by third-base umpire Brian O'Nora.

Oates lost the dispute and the 33-year-old fan was arrested, but the Rangers wound up winning, rallying for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Seattle Mariners 9-8, completing a three-game sweep.

"You see everything in baseball," said Juan Gonzalez, who homered, doubled and drove in three runs for Texas. "We never quit. It was a great moment for this club."

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his

17th home run and also tripled and doubled for Seattle. But the Mariners could not hold a 7-2 lead and, a night after their bullpen failed to protect a 6-0 edge, watched another game slip away.

In other AL games, New York beat Baltimore 3-1, Cleveland defeated Kansas City 6-2, Anaheim downed Oakland 12-2, Toronto topped Tampa Bay 6-1 and Detroit defeated Minnesota 6-3 in 11 innings.

AL

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

Baltimore lost its eighth in a row — their worst skid since 1993 — as New York finished off a threegame sweep at Yankee Stadium.

Indians 6, Royals 2

Cleveland completed a three-game sweep on the road, outscoring Kansas City by a total of 36-10.

Angels 12, Athletics 2

Jim Edmonds homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs as Anaheim earned its first three-game sweep at home against Oakland since 1986.

Blue Jays 6, Devil Rays 1

Jose Canseco hit two home runs and Toronto beat Tampa Bay for a three-game sweep at Sky-Dome.

Canseco, who homered four times in the series, has 16 home runs this season.

Tigers 6, Twins 3

Tony Clark matched a career high with four hits, singling home the goahead run in the 11th inning at Minnesota.

Detroit won for the seventh time in nine games. A catcher's interference call set up Clark's single, and Damion Easley hit a tworun double.

Pitchers own the day in NL

By Associated Press

Good pitching is tough to beat.

The New York Mets, Atlanta, San Francisco and Houston, the teams with the top four ERAs in the National League, proved that true Thursday, allowing a total of two runs in their respective wins.

And with performances like that, it's no surprise that those teams also have four of the top six records in the league.

"I don't care who you go against," Houston manager Larry Dierker said after Shane Reynolds shut out Montreal 6-0. "If you can hold another team scoreless in this day and age, I mean, it's just not that easy to pitch a shutout anymore."

Don't tell that to the Braves, who threw their sixth of the season. Denny

Neagle combined with two relievers on an eight-hitter in a 2-0 win against Colorado.

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"He's a great pitcher," said Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone, whose staff is tied with the Mets with a league-leading 3.12 ERA. "He battles especially hard, harder than most."

New York's Masato Yoshii and San Francisco's Kirk Rueter didn't pitch shutouts, but dominated nonetheless.

Yoshii struck out a career-high nine in his first major league complete game, beating Cincinnati 6-1.

Rueter combined with John Johnstone on a two-hitter in an 8-1 win at Milwau-kee

In other NL games Thursday, it was Arizona 6, Florida 4; Los Angeles 7, the Chicago Cubs 3; Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 2; and Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3.

Pirates 3, Padres 2

At Pittsburgh, Jason Schmidt won his NL-leading seventh game as the Pirates beat Kevin Brown for the second time this season.

Diamondbacks 6, Marlins 4

Devon White doubled home the goahead run in the seventh inning, then scored on Mike Piazza's throwing error as Arizona won at Florida.

Dodgers 7, Cubs 3

At Chicago, Matt Luke and Juan Castro homered as Los Angeles sent the Cubs to just their second loss in 10 games.

Even in front row, driver lacks sponsor

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nothing epitomizes the changing face of the Indianapolis 500 like Greg Ray's struggle to find someone — anyone! — to sponsor his team.

Three days before the start of the world's most famous race, Ray was still groveling for dollars, despite having qualified for the race Sunday with the second-fastest speed in the 33-car field.

"It's been a roller coaster of a week," Ray said Thursday after the final two-hour practice session, known as Carburetion Day. "I'm so proud of my team. They've done a great job. Even though we've had a lot of adversity, they've been real calm."

Finally, late in the day with the track nearly empty, Ray's team announced that he secured a sponsorship to carry him through Indianapolis and the June 6 True Value 500 in his native Texas.

Texas Motor Speedway, True Value hardware and the TNN cable network will join forces to become Ray's primary sponsor, easing the financial burden for now.

Ray has been getting by on a shoestring budget since his primary sponsor withdrew its support just before the start of Indy practice.

Still, Ray earned a spot in the middle of the front row during qualifying, and several small companies, such as a family-owned mattress factor in Ohio, signed on for associate sponsorships at minuscule amounts by racing standards.

Two-time 500 winner Arie Luyendyk said Ray's success in the face of financial adversity actually proves the fledgling Indy Racing League is working. IRL founder Tony George said he wanted to cut down costs and give teams equal access to the best equipment.

"You put a driver on the team that can drive the car around the track and give the engineer good feedback, you can get this result," Luyendyk said. "That's basically the beauty of IRL. That can still happen."

Ftorek appointed head coach of Devils

From wire reports

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Devils assistant Robbie Ftorek was hired to succeed Jacques Lemaire, who quit May 8 after his team was ousted in the first round despite the best record in the Eastern Conference.

New Jersey won the Stanley Cup in 1995, the second of Lemaire's five years with the team, but missed the playoffs the following year. In 1997, the Devils lost in the second round to the Rangers.

Ftorek, 46, one of the first good American players in the NHL, coached the Los Angeles Kings in 1987-88 and 88-89, going 65-56-11.

NBA stars won't be tried

WASHINGTON — Former Washington Wizards teammates Juwan Howard and Chris Webber will not be prosecuted in connection with a sexual assault complaint filed after a party at Howard's house.

Howard, still with the Wizards, and Webber, traded last week to the Sacramento Kings in part because of off-the-court problems, were named by a Connecticut woman in a complaint filed April 6.

Both players denied any wrongdoing, and the investigation was turned over to a grand jury. The panel heard testimony from many of the 40 or so people who attended the party, as well as the accuser herself. Howard and Webber did not testify, and their lawyers did not allow them to be interviewed by police.

Yanks, O'Neill reach deal

NEW YORK — Yankees outfielder Paul O'Neill, who could have become a free agent after this season, agreed on a one-year contract extension that guarantees him \$6.25 million.

O'Neill gets a \$750,000 signing bonus and \$5.5 million next season, and the Yankees have a \$6.5 million option for 2000.

Father of Hank Aaron dies

MOBILE, Ala. — Herbert Aaron Sr., the father of baseball great Hank Aaron, died at his home in Mobile on Thursday. He was 89.

Another son, James Aaron of Detroit, said his father had been suffering from a heart ailment for about a year, but details about the death were not immediately available.

Hank Aaron, who was raised in Mobile where he played sandlot baseball, set the major league career home run mark of 755.

Pacers look for answers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

— Undefeated at home in the playoffs, the Indiana Pacers remain confident they can bounce back against Chicago in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Bulls lead the bestof-7 series 2-0 after winning twice by six-point margins in the United Center. Games 3 and 4 are scheduled here Saturday and Monday.

"If our fans come out here and really get after them, we have the opportunity to win the game. If they come in here thinking they're going to watch Chicago win and the season's over, we'll probably lose," Indiana coach Larry Bird said Thursday.

"It's up to these guys to be ready to play, and I'll have them ready to play," Bird added, pointing out he wants help from the capacity crowd that will gather at Market Square Arena. "That banner up there says (Indiana fans are) the loudest sixth man in the NBA, They better be worth it.

"There's no question, if our fans aren't behind us in the next game, it's over."

Indiana had 46 turnovers in the two games and shot 25 percent (3-of-12) from behind the 3-point line in each game.

"We need to set better picks. Our screening in this series has been horrendous. Chicago has a lot to do with that because they're quick," Bird said.

Scottie Pippen's suffocating defense against point guard Mark Jackson has been a big problem for Indiana. Jackson has 14 turnovers.

"I think everything has been solid with the exception of turnovers. That has hurt us, allowed them to get a run going," Jackson said.

Jazz fighting Game 3 hex

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Just when everything was going so well for Utah against the Los Angeles Lakers, they had to go to California for tonight's Game 3.

"We've never played well in Game 3s," Karl Malone said, "even when we were 1-1 with Houston. We've got motivation to play well in Game 3 now."

Something about a Game 3 seems to bring out the worst in that otherwise methodical, experienced, efficient squad from Salt Lake City. The Lakers, down 2-0 in the best-of-7 series, can look to recent history for a reason to believe their fortunes are about to turn.

In the first round this season against Houston, the Jazz lost Game 3 to the Rockets 89-85, and Utah had to scramble back from the brink of elimination to win the series. Then came the nightmare at the Alamodome, when San Antonio rout-

ed the Jazz 86-64 in, you guessed it, Game 3.

Just about everyone involved in the series is fed up with talking after a four-day gap between Game 2 and 3.

"More than anything, we're very, very anxious to play," the Lakers' Kobe Bryant said. "It seems the more you talk about it, the slower the next game is coming up."

In Los Angeles, where critics abound, Lakers coach Del Harris has heard plenty of talking about how he's to blame, that he ought to shake up the lineup, that his team isn't countering Utah's tactics with some innovations of its own.

"We've lost two and everybody's ready to fire me again," Harris said. "What we don't need to do is reinvent a new way to play. There are 27 teams watching us play. We really don't need to be in a panic situation."

Hot goalies meet in showdown

WASHINGTON (AP)
— It's the goalie show-

— It's the goalie show-down of the year. Hasek vs. Kolzig. Dominator vs. Godzilla. Gold medalist vs. rising star. Elastic body vs. standup giant.

In short, no one is betting on a goal-fest when the Buffalo Sabres and Washington Capitals face off Saturday in the Eastern Conference finals.

Buffalo's Dominik Hasek is riding the crest of an incredible season, including an NHL-leading 13 shutouts and national hero status in Prague after leading the Czech Republic to the Olympic title in February.

The favorite to win a fourth Vezina Trophy, he's posted seven straight wins to get the Sabres to the conference finals for the first time in 18 years.

Olaf Kolzig can't match Hasek's hardware, but he already has three shutouts in the playoffs and hasn't allowed a goal in 149 minutes, 6 seconds.

The Western Conference final pits defending champ Detroit vs. Dallas, which had the best record in the NHL during the season.